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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: TWO-/FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE SWITCHING DEVICE FOR VEHICLE

Enclosed are:

- X A specification consisting of 17 pages
- X 6 sheet(s) of Formal drawings
- X An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
- X Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- X Executed Declaration X Original Photocopy
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76

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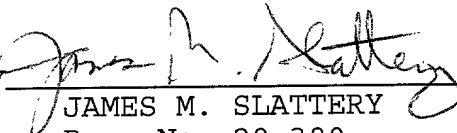
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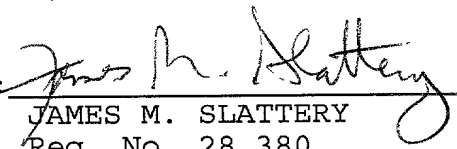
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